

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 Currently Amended): A remote photographic processing system, comprising:
a plurality of different photographic processing sites, each having a photographic processing apparatus; and
a center having a database which stores a photographic printing condition used for producing a photographic print at each photographic processing apparatus installed in each of said photographic processing sites that are connected to said center via a communication line, wherein said photographic printing condition used for producing said photographic print at a previous printing at each of said photographic processing sites is sent to the database therefrom and then stored in the database, and said photographic printing condition is determined for each original image and set for one original image to achieve coincidence in color or density finishing of photographic prints reproduced from said one original image at the time of [[said]] a later printing and said previous printing,

wherein when one photographic processing site among a plurality of said photographic processing sites has received a request for said later printing of said one original image, said one photographic processing site inquires said database in said center as to whether said photographic printing condition of said one original image at said previous printing

corresponding to said request for said later printing is stored therein or not; and obtains said photographic printing condition of said one original image from said database at said one photographic processing site, if said photographic printing condition of said one original image is stored, and

wherein said one photographic processing site processes said request for said later printing of said one original image using said obtained photographic printing condition of said one original image to produce a later photographic print reproduced from said one original image, which achieves coincidence in color or density finishing of said previous photographic print reproduced from said one original image receiving said request for said later printing.

Claim 2 (Previously Presented): The system according to claim 1, wherein said previously printing is an initial printing.

Claim 3 (previously presented): The system according to claim 1, wherein, when each of said photographic processing sites which has received a request for later printing inquires the database in said center as to whether said photographic printing condition at said previous printing corresponding to the request for the later printing is stored therein or not and obtains said photographic printing condition if stored, the request for the later printing is processed using said photographic printing condition.

Claim 4 (Currently Amended): The system according to claim [[3]]1, wherein said later printing is a reprint.

Claim 5 (Original): The system according to claim 1, wherein said photographic printing condition stored in the database in said center is erased after a predetermined period of time has passed.

Claim 6 (Currently Amended): A remote photographic processing system, comprising:
a plurality of different photographic processing sites, each having a photographic processing apparatus; and
a center having a database which stores a photographic printing condition of each photographic processing apparatus installed in each of said photographic processing sites that is connected to said center via a communication line,

wherein said photographic printing condition which is obtained when a previous printing has been performed at each of said photographic processing sites and then sent to the database therefrom is stored in the database, a print with said photographic printing condition can be obtained by access to said center from any of said photographic processing sites connected to said center via the communication line, and said photographic printing condition is determined for each original image and set for one original image to achieve coincidence in color or density finishing of photographic prints reproduced from said one original image at the time of [[said]]a later printing and said previous printing.

wherein when one photographic processing site among a plurality of said photographic processing sites has received a request for said later printing of said one original image, said one photographic processing site inquires said database in said center as to whether said photographic printing condition of said one original image at said previous printing corresponding to said request for said later printing is stored therein or not; and obtains said photographic printing condition of said one original image from said database at said one photographic processing site, if said photographic printing condition of said one original image is stored, and

wherein said one photographic processing site processes said request for said later printing of said one original image using said obtained photographic printing condition of said one original image to produce a later photographic print reproduced from said one original image, which achieves coincidence in color or density finishing of said previous photographic print reproduced from said one original image receiving said request for said later printing.

Claim 7 (Previously Presented): The system according to claim 6, wherein said previous printing is an initial printing.

Claim 8 (previously presented): The system according to claim 6, wherein, when each of said photographic processing sites receives a request for later printing, and then queries the database in said center as to whether said photographic printing condition at said previous printing corresponding to the request for the later printing is stored therein and obtains said photographic printing condition if stored, the request for the later printing is processed using said photographic printing condition.

Claim 9 (Currently Amended): The system according to claim [[8]]6, wherein said later printing is a reprint.

Claim 10 (Previously Presented): The system according to claim 6, wherein said photographic printing condition stored in the database in said center is erased after a predetermined period of time has passed.

Claim 11 (Currently Amended): A remote photographic processing method, comprising the steps of:

obtaining a photographic printing condition set for one original image used for producing a previous photographic print reproduced from said one original image at a photographic processing apparatus when previous printing has been performed at each of a plurality of different photographic processing sites each of which has said photographic processing apparatus;

sending to a center having a database said photographic printing condition obtained at the time of said previous printing in said photographic processing apparatus installed in each of said photographic processing sites that is connected to said center via a communication line;

storing in said database in said center said photographic printing condition of said one original image, obtained at the time of said previous printing and sent to said center;

accessing to said database in said center at the time of later printing from each of said photographic processing sites to obtain said photographic printing condition of said one original image obtained at the time of said previous printing and stored in said database;

performing said later printing using said photographic printing condition of said one original image obtained from said database in said photographic processing apparatus installed in each of said photographic processing sites to produce a later photographic print reproduced from said one original image,

wherein said photographic printing condition is determined for each original image and set for said one original image to achieve coincidence in color or density finishing of said later and previous photographic prints reproduced from said one original image at the time of said later printing and said previous printing.

wherein said accessing step includes :

when one photographic processing site among a plurality of said photographic processing sites has received a request for said later printing of said one original image, inquiring said database in said center from said one photographic processing site as to whether said photographic printing condition of said one original image at said previous printing corresponding to said request for said later printing is stored therein or not; and obtaining said photographic printing condition of said one original image from said database at said one photographic processing site, if said photographic printing condition of said one original image is stored, and

wherein said performing step includes:
processing said request for said later printing of said one original image using said obtained photographic printing condition of said one original image at said one photographic processing site to produce said later photographic print reproduced from said one original image, which achieves coincidence in color or density finishing of said previous photographic print reproduced from said one original image receiving said request for said later printing.

Claim 12 (Canceled).